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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RECORD FEDERAL AID PAYMENT FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT

A record payment of \$1,438,000 in federal aid funds for a wildlife restoration project will be made to Texas when that state buys 15,200 acres south of San Antonio for wildlife management purposes, the Interior Department announced today.

The area, located in LaSalle and Dimmit Counties, will be managed primarily for deer, turkey, javelina, and small game by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It will be named the Light Wildlife Management Area after its present owner, George Light.

The federal money is 75 percent of the total land acquisition cost of \$1,918,000, the maximum percentage permitted under the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 (Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act).

Since the act was passed, Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has allocated nearly \$350 million to the states. Seldom has over \$1 million been approved for a single project.

Texas has long planned a major game management area in the Rio Grande Plains. The area will be used for public hunting and wildlife research. The state will demonstrate profitable ways to grow wildlife and livestock together and study ways to improve wildlife habitat to produce greater wildlife populations.

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